

## **REMARKS**

### **Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-34 and 36-54 are currently pending.

Claims 1-32, 36-47 and 54 are allowed.

Claims 33, 34 and 48-53 are canceled with this amendment. All canceled subject matter was canceled without prejudice to its assertion in a continuing application.

## **CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that all requirements of patentability have been met. Allowance of the claims and passage of the case to issue are therefore respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe a discussion of this matter would be helpful, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (312) 913-2114.

Respectfully submitted,

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